MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Daryl Terrill – Interim Chair (4/2020) Shayla Wharton - Interim Vice-chair (04/2020)

Frank Meres (04/2020) Joan Roche (06/2018)

John Copeland (10/2020) Jeff Pennington – Council Liaison

Meeting Minutes

(from meeting held November 27, 2017)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present.

Jeff Pennington (Council Liaison) said the Council was anxious to get the alley way recommendation completed. He reported that the Council accepted the annual report from the Planning Commission.

Fred Wharton (Zoning Administrator) had nothing new to report.

The situation with the alley ways was discussed. The Fire Chief and the Police Chief had no issues with the alley ways. Dollar General has a fence in the alley way behind their store to hide the trash receptacles. The fence was requested by the Town Council when they store was built. The town still owns the alley way.

The property owned by the Bernstein Corp has access through lot 91BA31 which they own. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Council leave the alleys as they are now. A letter will be forwarded to the Council stating the PC's decision.

The PC considered the applications for the 2 open seats on the PC. Some PC members questioned Elizabeth Heishman's involvement in real estate. They felt her involvement might influence her decisions. Others felt that her real estate business would not be a problem and her involvement could be a benefit to the PC. A motion was made and a vote was taken. Shayla Wharton and Frank Meres voted no, Joan Roche and John Copeland voted yes. The Chair voted yes to break the tie vote. The application of Mark Dalton was accepted by unanimous vote.

The discussion of the economic development was initiated. Some members of the PC felt we should not do this until we got approval from the Town Council. Jeff Pennington suggested that rather than approach the Council the Chair discuss this with the Mayor.

The next meeting was set for January 29, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM